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Greetings Jeremy Grimes

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POLICING & POLICY

Illinois Will Allow Local Law Enforcement To Take Poorly Treated Pets Into Custody.

The Madison (IL) Record (1/2, Minnis) reports a new state law in Illinois "going into effect with the start of the new year permits officers" across the state "to take custody of a cat or dog deemed to be in a life-threatening situation brought on by weather related elements." According to Illinois Policy Institute, "the act also mandates that the officer taking dominion over the animal immediately seek emergency veterinary care for it with the owner obligated to pay all costs incurred."

California Justices Deny Challenge To New Police Records Law.

The AP (1/2) reports the California Supreme Court on Wednesday "denied a last-minute challenge to a state law that opens police records to the public and eases what currently is one of the nation's most secretive police privacy laws." The high court "denied a police union's petition contending that the law should make public police records only for incidents that happen after the law took effect Tuesday. However, a Los Angeles County judge blocked the release of old records in the state's largest city until a Feb. 5 court hearing."

Cambridgeshire Police Seek To Reunite Thousands Of Burgled Items With Rightful Owners.

MSN (UK) (1/2) reports a police force "is trying to return a massive haul of burgled jewellery and goods with their rightful owners." Cambridgeshire Police "have thousands of items of property which were recovered after the force busted a prolific crime gang." On Wednesday, "it released a massive Flickr gallery of stolen items and urged owners to get in touch with any possible proof of purchase."

Ontario Police Call For More Funding In Wake Of Carding Report.

The Globe and Mail (CAN) (1/2) reports police associations and police service board members across Ontario "are calling on the government to provide more money and more staff to get officers into communities, in response to a newly released report examining the practice of carding – or random street checks." Justice Michael Tulloch's report "made several recommendations, including providing adequate funding to allow for greater community involvement by police and facilitating partnerships with Indigenous communities."

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CRIME & DRUGS

Albuquerque Police To Target Gun Violence In 2019.

The AP (1/2) reports Albuquerque police "plan to tackle gun violence in 2019, following a year in which the police chief said crimes involving firearms appeared to be on the rise and said numerous shootings by officers had been preceded by reports of suspects with a gun."

Homicides In Chicago Down By Nearly 100 In 2018.

The AP (1/1) reports preliminary numbers indicate "that homicides in Chicago fell by about 100 last year compared to 2017, though the total again eclipses the number of homicides in Los Angeles and New York combined, according to data released Tuesday."

Georgia Lawmakers Prepare New Crackdown On Sex Traffickers.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (1/2) reports Georgia politicians "are preparing a raft of new legislation this year to target sex trafficking, including measures that make it easier for law enforcement to prosecute the crime and new ways for government agencies to offer trauma treatment for victims." Supporters of the new crackdown "are using Atlanta's role as the host of this year's Super Bowl to amplify their message, calling on Georgians to be vigilant at airports and public gatherings for signs that children are being held against their will."

Mexican National Charged With Murder In Death Of California Police Officer.

The AP (1/2) reports Gustavo Perez Arriaga, a Mexican national, "was charged with murder Wednesday in the shooting death of a California police officer last week, prosecutors said." Arriaga, who authorities say "was in the country illegally and had previous arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol," was "arrested Friday after a dayslong manhunt as he prepared to flee to Mexico, officials said." Arriaga "is accused of killing Cpl. Ronil Singh of the tiny Newman Police Department, who pulled over the suspect Dec. 26 to investigate if he was driving drunk."

OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

Bill Aims To Make Violence Against Oklahoma Law Enforcement Officers Hate Crime.

KOCO-TV Oklahoma City (1/2, Buganski) reports that the 2016 shooting in Dallas that targeted police officers – shooting 12 and killing five – "inspired Oklahoma state Sen. Darrell Weaver, R-Moore, to introduce legislation for the upcoming session. Senate Bill 96 would make it a hate crime if someone intentionally injured, killed or incited violence against members of Oklahoma law enforcement." While the FBI "does not classify violence against officers as a hate crime, the agency does track officers who are killed and assaulted in the line of duty."

TECHNOLOGY

Delhi Police Getting Tech Upgrade In 2019.

The India Times (1/2) reports that Delhi police "are getting a technology upgrade to get with the times." The local police "is planning to upgrade a number of other systems by 2020 as well, including possibly the addition of body cameras." They're also "considering an intelligent traffic management system, a smartphone apps for beat cops to register incidents, as well as the use of facial recognition technology in investigations, especially when parsing through CCTV footage for a suspect."

Investigators Getting "Ballistic Fingerprint" Results Back Quicker As Database Expands.

WABE-FM Atlanta (1/2, Levinson) reports that at the Portland Police Bureau's North Precinct, investigators are getting "ballistic fingerprint" results "in a matter of hours instead of months." And "instead of just being a resource for prosecutors at trial, the NIBIN 'match' is being used by investigators to generate leads, despite uncertainty about the precision of the match." Some defense attorneys "challenge the notion that the markings are unique, and the FBI says even expert testimony can't make that claim with certainty."

GLOBAL SECURITY

Manchester Stabbing Suspect Detained Under Mental Health Law.

The Globe and Mail (CAN) (1/2) reports the "sole suspect in the New Year's Eve stabbings of three people at a train station in the English city of Manchester has been detained under Britain's Mental Health Act, police said." Police are treating the assault at Manchester's Victoria Station late Monday "as a terrorist attack." Greater Manchester Police "said in a statement that the 25-year-old man arrested at the scene was assessed by medical staff before the decision was reached. He is accused of stabbing a British Transport police sergeant and two others while shouting Islamic extremist slogans."

The AP (1/2) reports the British police officer stabbed while subduing a suspect on New Year's Eve "said Wednesday that 'instinct took over' when he heard people screaming at a Manchester train station." British Transport Police Sergeant Lee Valentine and several officers "managed to bring down the knife-wielding suspect with a stun gun and pepper spray after he stabbed two people." Valentine said, "We had no idea what we were running towards when we heard the screams on New Year's Eve. ... When we saw the man wielding a knife, instinct took over."

The Guardian (UK) (1/2, Pidd) also reports.

German Network Agency Identified, Fixed 4.7K Cases Of Wireless Interference In 2018.

Xinhua News Agency (CHN) (1/2) reports that throughout 2018, Germany's network agency, Bundesnetzagentur, "identified and remedied around 4,700 cases of wireless interferences and electromagnetic incompatibilities in 2018." According to the agency, those interferences were "often caused by unauthorized equipment." Over "1,200 of the total cases handled by the Bundesnetzagentur related to "safety-relevant areas" such as aeronautical radio, radio communications of rescue services, fire departments and police." According to Bundesnetzagentur, "most of the devices responsible for such unauthorized frequency usage had been sold online and did not meet the standards set by the European Union."

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